

Proviso.

than ten days or to exceed one month: *Provided*, That if the offender is not brought to trial before some justice of the peace having jurisdiction of the offence, within six months after the commission of the same, the Superior Court in term time, for the county in which the offence is committed, may take jurisdiction of the same, and punish the offender in the discretion of said court; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the original jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

Secretary of State  
to furnish copies.

SEC. 10. The Secretary of State shall immediately after the passage of this act furnish certified copies of the same to the "Sentinel," "Era," and "News," for publication.

When in force.

SEC. 11. This act shall be in force after the first Monday in May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

Ratified this 16th day of February, A. D., 1874.

## CHAPTER CXXXVIII.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS IN TOWNSHIPS WHERE THE PEOPLE SO DETERMINE.

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sioners to order  
election.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of any county, upon petition of one-fourth of the qualified voters of any township in their respective counties, to order an election to be held on the first Monday in May in every year, to ascertain whether or not spirituous liquors shall or may be sold in said township or townships.

Sheriff to hold  
election.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of each county to hold such township elections when so ordered under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by law for holding elections for members of the General Assembly, so far as the same may be applicable, except as herein modified.